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And all that jazz!

Jazz dance students Shelby Berg, Hannah Ganske, Tamelle Pilisko, Madison Ference, Karlee Rinas, Olivia Leaf and Sydney Letwin wound up their polished performance to "D. J. Got Us Fallin' In Love" at Fame Dance Studio's Elk Point year-end show. More photos, Page 6.

Review declared generally excellent by AWWNA judges

By REVIEW STAFF

The *Elk Point Review* brought home its first major awards from the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association on Saturday, when editor Vicki Brooker accepted plaques for the Best Overall Score and Best Front Page in its circulation class at the AWWNA's general meeting and convention in Edmonton.

The *Review* was chosen from a field of eight papers of similar circulation for the honours, with Grande Cache Mountaineer winning the Best Sports Page category and Beaverlodge District News the Best Editorial Page honours. The winners were selected from the March 16 and Sept. 21, 2010 issues.

While these are the first, First Place

awards for the *Review*, the paper collected a second place sports page, third place front page, third place editorial page and third place all around certificates in 2005 and another third place front page in 2007, as well as a third place editorial award from the Canadian Community Newspapers Association last year and CCNA blue ribbons, signifying that the paper ranked in the top third of General Excellence competitors for that circulation division, in 2009, 2006, 2005 and 1992.

"The *Elk Point Review* is a little paper with a big heart," publisher Clare Gauvreau said. "The community is very supportive of the *Review* and we certainly appreciate the trust readers place in us to bring them the news

of the area each and every week. Editor Vicki Brooker deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the success of the paper, she is the face of the *Review*. Recognition is also due to Melanie McRae who keeps the office running smoothly. The ladies are a winning team."

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Editor Vicki Brooker proudly shows off the *Elk Point Review's* first Best Overall Score and Best Front Page trophies from the Alberta Weekly Newspapers' General Excellence competition.

Clare Gauvreau photo



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The chamber is also gearing up for their TD Bank Group sponsorship event on May 25, and Smith wants to have the Elk Point Visitor Information EcoCentre looking its best, with the lawn mowed and drainage ditch cleaned up in preparation for the event. Chamber members are welcome to attend the 11 a.m. gathering, which will be followed by a lunch meeting.

Town Manager Myron Goyan reminded the chamber that the town's volunteer-clean-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, and

volunteers will be picking up trash in all areas of the community. This event is followed by a volunteer appreciation barbecue, and Goyan urged chamber members to "Spread the word!"

F. G. Miller High School vice-principal Cheri Lindquist said she has a good supply of young volunteers needing to use their required volunteer hours if more help is needed.

Staff has now been hired for the Visitor Information EcoCentre. Dino Meger will be welcoming visitors to the community and hand-

ing out information about its amenities, events and activities this summer.

Goyan said there is no official word yet on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant that the chamber had applied for to help with staffing costs, but he hopes to hear soon. This grant will determine if a second information worker can be hired, and will thus determine the centre's hours of operation.

Goyan, Smith and treasurer Geoff Hyslop agreed to work together on a rental agreement for the FCSS department offices.

Bounty offered for county's wild boars

By TIM BANMAN

Review Contributor

"If you find wild boars running at large ... shoot 'em and we'll pay you fifty bucks for a pair of ears brought into our office," says Maureen Vadnais, acting supervisor for the Agricultural Services Board, on the agricultural pest the department wants to keep a handle on.

Agricultural Services suspects a few wild boar may be coming in from Saskatchewan into eastern Alberta and wants to be proactive in dealing with the wild boars at large.

"For the St. Paul area, they are not a significant problem," says Vadnais. Wild boars are more of a problem west of Edmonton and near Two Hills. "Overall they're not a huge problem in the province."

A few scattered farms around Alberta raise wild boar since the program was introduced as a way of promoting livestock diversification in the 1990s.

The animal constitutes its own species, and is "good eating, actually." Wild boar are sold to restaurants or people who prefer the taste, she adds.

Typically, wild boar escape from farms and get established in certain areas, she says. "We never thought they would be able to establish in the wild, but some of them have surprised us and they do survive quite well in our conditions."

A brochure by the Agriculture and Rural Development says a lack of a formal market structure led to returns not getting realized in wild boar farming.

Ag Services has no estimate of how many could be roaming freely in the wild and hopes the program will help establish how many are out there and where they are located.

The program aims to be proactive and to mitigate problems before they get out of control, says Vadnais.

The bounty program started as a pilot in 2008 and has received 300 pairs of ears.

Wild boars are not a significant problem in the County of St. Paul, says assistant fieldman Jeremy Robinson.

"They've done a lot of damage elsewhere. It would be nice to get rid of them before they get established, I think we're past that already at this point," Robinson notes.

The County of St. Paul pays the hunter and is reimbursed by Agricultural Services. Since the program started, the County has received only three pairs of ears.

The boar is also known as feral pig, feral hog, razorback, Old World swine, Eurasian boar, or Russian wild boar, according to the brochure.

Wild boar are dark brown or black with a lighter belly and a fine undercoat with stiff bristles tipped with yellow and have longer manes, and have no white spots. The small ears stand upright and are not floppy, and they have long snouts and a straight, not curly, tail. They can grow up to 70 inches in length and 39 inches in height and can weigh up to 440 pounds.

The agricultural pest may live in groups of up to 50 or more, are very territorial and will fight, and usually live 10 to 15 years. Boars are nocturnal, good swimmers, and make large wallows.

Wild boars can be dangerous if approached because it is a wild animal and should be treated with caution, warns Vadnais. Wild boars have tusks and hooves that can cause damage. The likelihood of a confrontation is low because it is a secretive animal, she says.

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Awards

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Gauvreau also collected awards for the St. Paul Journal and Bonnyville Nouvelle on Saturday, the Journal placing third in Best Overall and second in Best Sports Page in its circulation class, and the Nouvelle also placing third the Best Overall for its circulation class. The Journal was also presented with the Canadian Wheat Board award for best weekly newspaper agricultural supplement in the province in 2010. It also won third for creative use of colour in advertising.

RCMP police dog service member charged

By STAFF WRITERS

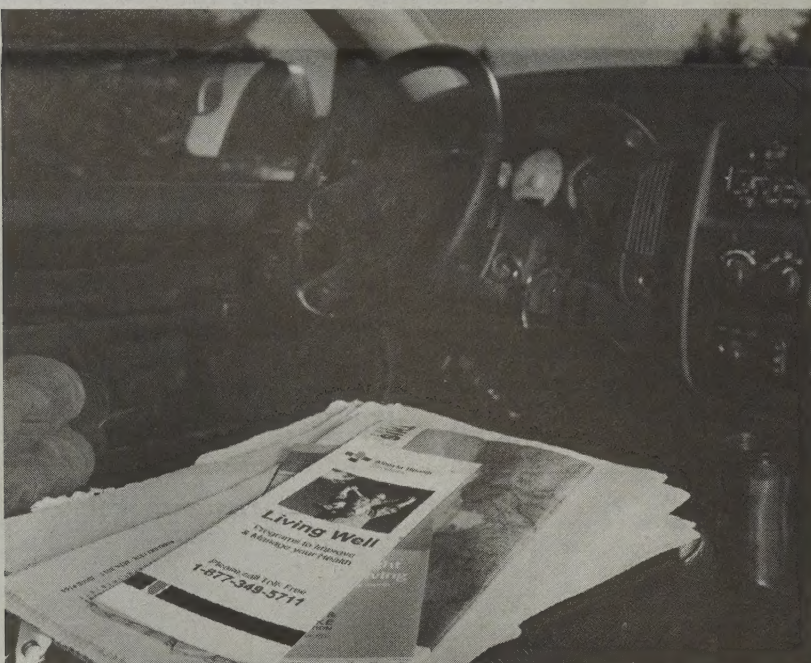
RCMP Cpl. Stephen Prior, a police dog service member, has been charged with assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon. The charges stem from an incident that occurred on May 29, 2010 at a residence on the Frog

Lake Reserve.

It is alleged that Prior used excessive force when he released his police service dog on a 65-year-old male resident of the Frog Lake Reserve. This action resulted in the police service dog causing puncture wounds which required

medical attention. Prior was assisting Elk Point RCMP Detachment which was executing a search warrant at a local residence. The victim filed a public complaint with the RCMP. As a result a statutory investigation was conducted by an independent RCMP senior investigator. The results of the investigation were forwarded to Alberta Justice for review. Alberta Justice recommended charges of assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon. Prior will be making his first court appearance on June 23, 2011 at Provincial Court in St. Paul.

According to an RCMP press release, Prior has over 10 years of service with the RCMP and over five years in the Police Dog Service. He is currently stationed with St. Paul Police Dog Service and is now assigned to administrative duties within the RCMP Police Dog Service. An RCMP internal Code of Conduct has been ordered and the investigation is underway and will be completed after the criminal court process has ended. RCMP internal Code of Conduct investigations are governed by the RCMP Act (Section 40). Disciplinary actions may include written reprimand, up to 10 days forfeiture in pay, demotion or dismissal.



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Alberta 55+ Cribbage hopefuls pegged their way through last Wednesday's competition at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre, intent on earning their bid for the Alberta Summer Games in Fairview in July.

Vicki Brooker photo

Alberta 55+ winners go on to 2011 Summer Games

BY FAYE SMITH

Review Contributor

The qualifying round in Cribbage for the Alberta 55+ Summer Games was played on May 4 in Elk Point.

The following people are going to Fairview on July 22-25 to represent the zone:

55+ Doubles – Darlene and Rob Clark, Kinsella

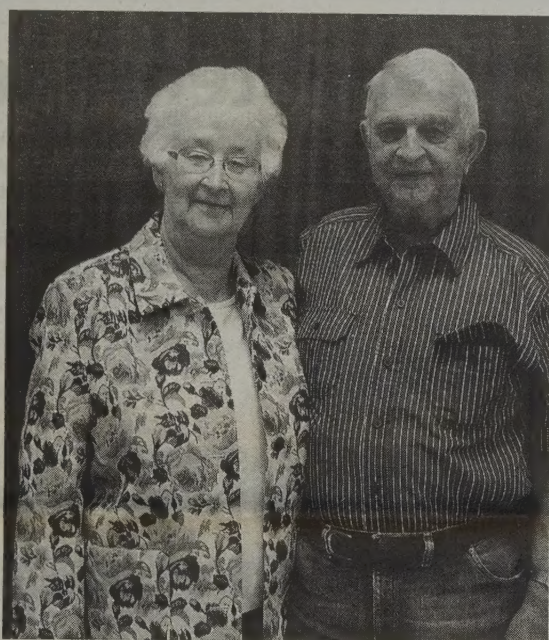
70+ Doubles – Mark and Lucille Kryvenky, St. Paul

55+ Singles – Wilf Carroll, Vilna, and Lucille Smith, Elk Point

70+ Singles – Del Smith, Elk Point, and Eva Podloski, St. Paul

Congratulations to all, and good luck in Fairview.

The qualifying round for golf will be held May 30 in Elk Point. If you are an Alberta 55+ member and wish to compete, please call Faye at (780) 724-2145 to register.



Faye Smith photo

Lucille and Mark Kryvenky of St. Paul will represent the area in the 70+ Doubles competition at the Alberta 55+ Summer Games.

New member elected to Co-op Board of Directors

BY TIM BANMAN

Review Contributor

The St. Paul and District Co-op held elections for the board of directors at its annual general meeting on Thursday, returning one new member to the board.

John Trefanenko, former St. Paul mayor for 15 years and councillor for nine, will be the new face on the board.

Trefanenko said the Co-op was where he and his

wife made friends when they moved here in 1974.

Bernice Capjack and Lorne Siemers were also re-elected. Incumbent Joe Boulianne did not get re-elected. Every three years, three board positions come

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May 31 deadline for Idol contestants

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's search for the 2011 Canada Day Idol is now officially on, with entries now being accepted for the July 1 singing competition at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

The competition is open to all amateur Canadian signers between 10 and 30 years of age, as individuals or vocal groups of up to three members, and only the first 20 entrants who have paid their fees prior to the May 31 deadline will be accepted. An individual may enter no more than twice, once as an individual and once as a group member.

Live accompaniment by a maximum of three people of any age, taped or digital music is allowed, but the judges must hear singer(s) distinctly. No backup band will be provided.

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This year, there will also be a special opportunity for junior performers 14 and

under, with the top junior receiving two hours of recording time with Phunkin Gruuve and the runner-up winning a \$50 gift certificate with Kelly's Closet.

Entry forms are now available at the Elk Point Review office, Elk Point schools and other media outlets. For more information, contact Dee Pankiw at 780-724-2250 or e-mail dpankiw@telusplanet.net



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EDITORIAL

Our news is award-worthy!

This past weekend's win of Best Overall and Best Front Page awards at the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association's General Excellence awards is a tremendous honour, but one we could not have achieved without the community we serve.

A look at the judging breakdown shows that we were first in Local Feature, a mere .3 mark behind the leader in Community News, and far ahead of the pack on our Front Page. To do that, we had to have a busy and active community to report on. The first of the two issues they judged had coverage of the Elementary science fair, dinner theatre, minor hockey awards, high school diploma honour awards and much more. The second had the Northern Lights Library System conference (and Miss Lilly's great presentation), OORP milestones, A. G. Ross Arena cleanup, EcoCentre landscaping and more.

Thanks, everyone, for being part of our success.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Tank explosion, tomorrow waiting, barnyard romance

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10 IN...

1986

The explosion of an oil storage tank at the Murphy Oil facility left one construction worker dead and another in hospital with multiple injuries in Alberta's first oil patch fatality of the year. The newly completed Heritage Lodge welcomed its first six residents, and councils from the town and county of St. Paul and the town of Elk Point, MLA John Drobot and other distinguished guests toured the facility after a celebratory dinner.

1991

"Tomorrow is waiting for us," Heinsburg School valedictorian Loretta Smuk told her 16 fellow graduates, "Live each second as if it were your last." Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club was 70 dancers strong, ranging from tiny pre-beginners to energetic adults, and entertained a packed crowd at their spring concert.

1996

An ad hoc physician recruitment committee, consisting of representatives from town and county councils, the health centre, medical professionals, a realtor and the town manager, was formed in an attempt to recruit another doctor for Elk Point, and reached an agreement with the Regional Health Authority to renovate the former nurses' residence and upgrade the medical clinic. Northern Expressions Art Club's second annual art show and sale was a great success, with 28 exhibitors displaying their work.

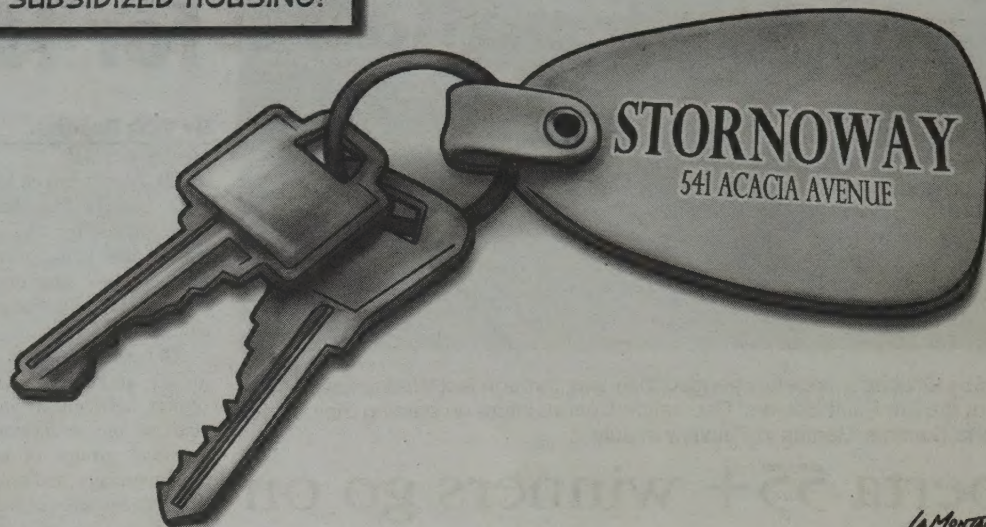
2001

Beautiful maiden Lesia (Eva Gusnowski) met the man of her dreams, humble farmer Slavko (Travis Lindquist) in a charming play about a barnyard romance at the Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's 22nd Annual Spring Concert. Tanya Pankiw won gold at the Canadian Women's Junior Handball tournament.

2006

Employee recognition was an important part of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce 2006 Shop Local campaign, and plans were set for an employee and staff appreciation evening with guest speaker prior to the Shop Local kickoff. Local Girl Guides and the F. G. Miller French Club joined the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club in the annual spring cleaning of ditches along area highways.

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9/11 mastermind

Last week, the news informed us that US forces had killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Bin Laden, 54, was killed after a gun battle with Navy SEALs and CIA paramilitary forces at a compound in the city of Abbottabad. He was shot in the left eye; NBC News' Savannah Guthrie reported, citing an unnamed U.S. official. In a background briefing with journalists, U.S. officials suggested that Bin Laden opened fire on the American forces before he was killed.

Intelligence officials weren't certain that bin Laden would be at the site as there was "no smoking gun that put him there," NBC News reported. But bin Laden was indeed holed up in a two-story house 100 yards from a Pakistani military academy when four helicopters carrying U.S. forces swooped in. Bin Laden's guards opened fire on the commandos and his final hiding place was left in flames, witnesses said. Other U.S. officials said one of bin Laden's sons and two of his most trusted couriers also were killed, as was an unidentified woman who was used as a human shield. Al Arabiya TV reported that two of bin Laden's wives and four of his children were also captured during the operation.

The special operations forces were on the ground for less than 40 minutes and returned to Afghanistan with bin Laden's body, U.S. officials said. NBC News reported that bin Laden was later buried at sea. Islamic tradition calls for a body to be buried within 24 hours, but finding a country willing to accept the remains of the world's most wanted terrorist would have been difficult, a senior administration official said.

Former President George W. Bush said in a statement that he had personally been informed by Obama of the death of the terrorist leader whose attacks forever defined his eight years in office. "This momentous achievement marks a victory for America, for people who seek peace around the world, and for all those who lost loved ones on

September 11, 2001," the former president said. But he stressed that the effort against the organization continues. Al-Qaida remains in existence as an organization, presumably under the leadership of Ayman al-Zawahiri, 59, an Egyptian physician who is widely believed to have been bin Laden's No. 2. (Who is Ayman al-Zawahiri?)

The killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden puts his Egyptian deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri in position to become the new figurehead of the global terror network and the world's most wanted man. Experts have long considered Zawahiri to be al-Qaida's main strategist and operational organizer, who kept the terror network together after U.S. lead forces pushed it out of its main Afghan bases in 2001. Bin Laden has largely been seen as a charismatic figurehead who brought money and recruits to al-

Qaida. Ayman Al-Zawahiri has been indicted for his alleged role in the August 7, 1998, bombings of the United States Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. He survived a U.S. air strike that target him in a Pakistani tribal region in January 2006 and remains at large. The United States has a \$25 million reward for information leading to his arrest or conviction.

So basically, from all of these news explanations, it becomes obvious that the terrorists are fighting against the U.S. Yes, it was obvious with 9/11. Now after we look at all the global news, we learn they are fighting the U.S. in other locations throughout the world no matter where they are located even before 9/11. The picture of war has changed. That is, during World War 1 and World War II, and the Korean War, fighting was taking place in the country, where the conquering country wanted to capture the land for them. After reviewing all these current details, we can see that the terrorists have caused war for many years and land location is global.

One could ask, "Why does war have to exist?" It is so devastating! It seems the same feelings exist when fights are started. That is, someone becomes angry, or hurt. Their solution is to create their own power to destroy the other person. In the case today, we have learned terrorist have organized themselves and have given themselves power to attach the U.S. So basically just because bin Laden was killed, we can speculate fighting will still exist against the U.S. Terrorist persons still want to use their power. It is their mastermind at work.

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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk



The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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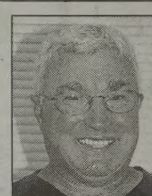
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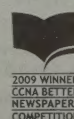
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Riverland exploring trail possibilities in Lower Athabasca Regional Plan

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The Lower Athabasca Regional Plan on the use of public lands was high on the agenda at the Riverland Recreational Trail Society's annual general meeting at Boscombe on April 25.

The plan covers an immense area stretching from the north border of the County of St. Paul all the way to the Northwest Territories border, and west from the Saskatchewan border to the western borders of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, Lac La Biche County and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, which make up the region.

A regional advisory council established in December 2008 came up with a lengthy document of advice to the provincial government regarding the region's future, with this advice unveiled at a series of public meetings last September. A workbook distributed at those sessions invited the public to share their views on the advisory council's recommendations, either via the print version or online.

It was during the course of the public meetings "that we realized decisions were being made that would affect us," Jerry Bidulock told the Riverland group. "We weren't engaged in the process, and the Lower Athabasca region was way up there." Since those meetings, Bidulock said, "we organized a few different meetings with MLAs Mel Knight and Ray Danyluk and expressed our concerns."

An extension of the Lakeland Provincial Recreation Area, including the Sand River "was being designated as a conservation area," Bidulock said. "The problem was that there was no confirmed definition of what that meant. People went on line and wrote letters, and 64 per cent of the respondents said they would like more trails and recreational opportunities that would not harm the environment."

Now, Bidulock said, "we're in round three," and the

revised draft of the land use framework is "pretty interesting stuff. That conservation area is gone, and I have mixed feelings about that". Without the conservation area, heavy oil and other development would be allowed in that region, he noted. "The MD of Bonnyville doesn't have a lot of public lands in the strategic plan now, and there are some definitions of a conservation area, but they aren't legislated yet."

The designation of the lower portion of the region as 'Lakeland Country,' an area the advisory council felt had significant potential as an iconic destination for tourism and recreation, "is not something anybody I know has lobbied for," Bidulock said. "Its day is coming whether we want it to or not."

He added that, "a regional trail system was what we were lobbying for."

The current series of open houses is "one last opportunity to express and secure our personal desires," Bidulock said. "What can we do to protect crown land? We can make a plan ourselves. The workbook has vague ideas. We should put our heads together, put lines on the map and make a plan for the future."

One idea Bidulock put forward was the establishment of "frolic areas - a quarter section where people could go rip and tear, that would keep them off the rest. (The current) amount of activity actually has to be controlled." He also said it would be necessary to "come up with ways to save our access (to public lands). Light recreational access makes some sense to me."

In closing, Bidulock said that Riverland "gives us the basis to believe that good things can happen."

ATV safety

Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator Barry Sallstrom brought along the draft of a new ATV safety brochure, which he said presents "a single, consistent message. Things can go sideways at any moment." The brochure

emphasizes the main points of "wearing the gear," including head protection, riding an ATV of appropriate power for the age and size of rider, one rider per ATV, zero tolerance of alcohol and drug use for riders and learning the necessary skills with an operating course.

Sallstrom noted that a curriculum trial is planned for an in-school ATV safety course for all age groups from kindergarten to Grade 12, "hopefully soon."

Annual meeting

President Maurice Dargis reported on the past year's activity, with one of the major projects, an access route to Fort George and Buckingham House, opening June 18 at the Forts' ATV event. In 2010, Premier Ed Stelmach and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Minister Cindy Ady visited the area and praised the volunteers who brought the Iron Horse Trail into being.

In 2011, Dargis said it is "exciting" to have another 1,000 trail DVDs to distribute and to look forward to developing the Bonnyville staging area on MuniCorr property. "We've had a good year; let's keep it up."

Treasurer Marvin Bjornstad gave his annual report, and also noted that the Iron Horse Trail has the possibility of going into the Guinness Book of Records as the world's longest geocaching route, that route being tied into the website to inform geocaching enthusiasts of this new and exciting possibility.

Dargis and Bjornstad, along with secretary Marjorie Scott, were returned to office in the elections that wound up the meeting, with Dave Dalby of Smoky Lake filling the vice presidential position which was vacant last year. Robert Pruneau of St. Paul was appointed as trail steward boss, replacing Danny Smyl, who has stepped down.

Riverland members, along with MuniCorr representatives and councils, public works superintendents and CAOs from, municipalities along the route, were invited to take part in the MuniCorr trail ride on June 12 and 13.

Alberta's Lakeland reviews exciting, challenging year

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

"It's been a challenging, eventful past year," Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Association president Fred Alexandruk told members at the April 28 annual meeting. "We've celebrated some victories and welcomed new members."

The challenging part, Alexandruk said, was that the 2010 visitors' guide arrived too late to be fully effective. "But that is history. I thank the board member who simply said, 'It's time to move on, start fresh and keep on going,' so we did." The 2011 guide arrived on schedule and in time for the earliest trade shows.

This year's priorities include an attempt to persuade the MD of Bonnyville, who until last year was longtime members of the association, to return to the table, Alexandruk said. The City of Cold Lake "is still out. I hope their fortunes improve." He also plans to "maximize what each community has to offer. Not everyone wants to camp and fish." Lakeland's trade show display "needs a facelift, with new pictures and designs," he added, "and we need to develop a policy manual for the board of directors."

The Lower Athabasca Regional Plan is on Lakeland's horizon

Alexandruk said. "The second draft is just out," and among its proposals is the designation of an area as Lakeland Country, which would be "an iconic tourist destination" with a list of things this would include.

"It's worth a look at. We need to become involved as a DMO. There's a lot of opportunity for input, and the private sector will be

encouraged to lead development. There were significant changes from the first draft; some I like some I want to think about."

Marianne Price noted that the Riverland Recreational Trail Society had also discussed the Plan at their AGM.

"One of the things that jumped out of the second draft was that on the land

around Wolf and Siebert Lakes, a lot of the green had disappeared. It's now white, which means private land, probably because of the oil company leases." She added that Riverland member Jerry Bidulock met with cabinet Ministers Mel Knight and Ray Danyluk regarding the plan.

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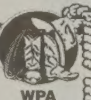
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Fame Dance Studio's Elk Point students take a well-deserved bow at the conclusion of Thursday's year-end concert at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Dancers shine in concert spotlight

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Nine groups of dancers showed the results of their first season of lessons with Fame Dance Studios at Thursday's well-attended concert at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Madison Ference, Karlee Rinas, Olivia Leaf and Sydney Letwin started off the show with "Hip-Hop to the Top," before Cynthia Schaap, Bronwyn Lazicki, Lexi Wirsta, Avery Smereka, Rylee Warawa, Ella LaFrance and Chyanne Fisher performed a graceful Ballet/Jazz number, "Tale as Old as Time" and Avery Warawa did her Tap routine to "I Want You Back."

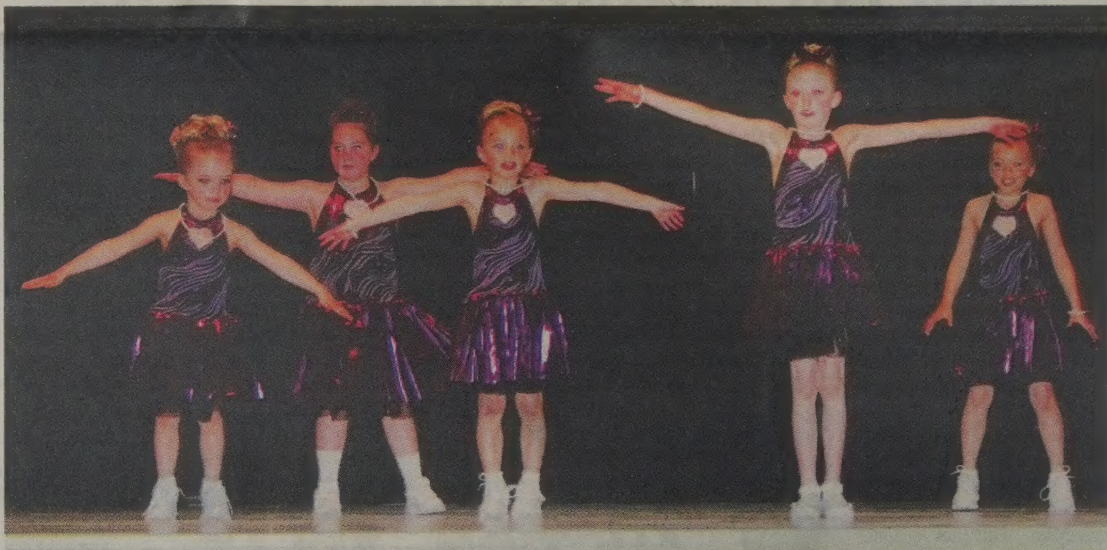
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A member of the Tiny Tots group gets some inspiration from watching tap dancer Avery Warawa go through her routine.



Sweet as they can be!

The Tiny Tots group was as sweet as can be, in their "Candy Girl" number. Members of this group are Ella Smith, Emily Deschamps, Victoria Fortin, Ashley Lecopoy, Aurora Smith, Ayvah Smith, Kaily Penner and Lexee Smith.



Looking good!

Jazz and Hip-Hop dancers Hailey Bykowsky, Delaney Nelson, Autumn Cameron, Chloe Bendixen and Georgia Bendixen danced an energetic routine at Thursday's year-end concert.

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Shriners donate new shirts for smallest soccer players

St. George's Lodge made a very welcome donation of new soccer jerseys for Elk Point's U4 team on behalf of the Al Shamal Shrine last week. From left to right are Al Shamal member Allan Berg, Elk Point Soccer Club treasurer Lisa Van Maarion, president Nina McNamara, Shriner Russell Graham and soccer club director Tammy Klatt. The bright red shirts will replace some well-worn shirts which have been in use for many years, and will be a bright addition to Elk Point's soccer scene.

Lakeland AGM

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"At least now the draft refers to trails and tourism. We got their ear, but we still need to be at the table this does affect the areas where we go to recreate."

A meeting of Riverland members held at Ashmont after the AGM brought out "a fair group," Price said. "We're striking a committee and will be very much at the table and involved in the plan. With the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, too, we need to have our say. It's the blueprint for the next 50 years."

Cindy Guay from Alberta Central Tourist Destination Region (TDR) was at the meeting to discuss co-op marketing opportunities. Seventeen proposals were received from Lakeland in the past year, with one cancelled, and 16 going under Lakeland's umbrella. "Some of them were new projects, most of them were enhanced," she said. "Self sufficiency as a project is important. A project has to grow itself. To gain impact, you must build on and improve. Co-op dollars are available to help you do that." This year, the TDR provided \$26,000 in funding, with some projects coming in under budget and the shortfall reallocated. From this, she noted, Lakeland received \$3,900 in administration fees, up substantially from previous years.

Marianne Price gave a power point presentation on the DMO and the Iron Horse Trail, noting that one of the objectives is "to encourage people to be tourists in their own back yard." A gap analysis has just been completed. "It's a big report and a lot of information, a lot of direction for the region. They're planning a formal roll-out in September."

The Town and County of St. Paul have partnered at trade shows in Sherwood Park and Fort McMurray. Lakeland has attended or will attend eight major trade shows, plus cold Lake, at a total cost of \$19,000, which is reduced to half through partnerships, Price said. "There is real value there. We generate a lot of interest and increase the traffic to our website."

Other marketing and education initiatives were also outlined, and in one case, the two are combined as "we're sending out our guides through the schools this year."

Becky Paul talked about her blog, noting, "I used to do it every week, now every second week. It gets a lot of hits. I will be doing some video and we're talking about Facebook and Twitter." Also, this year, Paul said, "We're going to take Lakeland's website to WOW!"

There is "a lot of government support for tourism in our area," Price said. "Bring any new development to the table, and let's push it forward."

Dance concert

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Hip-Hoppers Paige Skarsen, Dakota Havener, Odin Smith and Kathleen Mohyluk heated up the atmosphere with "Fire" and were followed onstage by a musical theatre number, "You Can't Stop the Beat," featuring Shayla Cameron, Sydney Letwin and Olivia Leaf.

Ashley Bristow and Tamelle Pilisko performed a graceful Lyrical Ballet to "Believe in Me," before Tiny Tots Ella Smith, Emily Deschamps, Victoria Fortin, Ashley Lecopoy, Aurora Smith, Ayvah Smith, Kailey Penner and Lexee Smith enchanted the crowd with their ballet, "Candy Girl."

Jazz and Hip-Hop combined in "It's On," performed by Hailey Bykowsky, Delaney Nelson, Autumn Cameron, Chloe Bendixen and Georgia Bendixen, and Jazz dancers Shelby Berg, Hannah Ganske, Tamelle Pilisko, Madison Ference, Karlee Rinas, Olivia Leaf and Sydney Letwin wound up the show with "D. J. Got Us Fallin In Love."

All the groups returned to the stage to take a group bow and to participate in the traditional group hug, with many more hugs, along with flowers, coming from proud family and friends.



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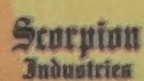
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Three wins for Sox

The manager and coaching staff had big smiles on their faces when they left the ball park late Sunday afternoon for the drive home, and with good reasons. They liked what they saw on the field, this past weekend, when the Midget Sox opened up their season with three big wins at Confederation Park in Edmonton.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

The coaching staff rotating a number of pitchers in the first game of the season on a cold and damp Saturday, the Sox defeating Sherwood Park 18 to 4 in five innings. Lead off batter Tanner Corbeil pounding out a triple, Dylan Berg with three singles and three RBIs.

Mother's Day, Sunday morning at 9 a.m., with the weather sunny but still very chilly, was the toughest challenge for the Sox when they defeated East Park 8 to 2 in seven innings. Starter Smoken' Joel Campbell was on the mound for this one, going five innings without allowing a run. The game was very tight, the Sox with only a three run lead, and Smoken' Joel was responsible for one of the runs himself, his solo shot over the wall at 320 feet. In the sixth inning, this game finally opened up for the Sox, when with the bases juiced, Kurtis "Knuckles" Nicholson laid down a squeeze play bunt, as the Orioles kicked around the ball, three runs scored on the play. Three RBIs on a bunt, the Orioles were rattled but not out of it by any means, the Orioles would score two runs themselves in the seventh inning when the Sox ran into some trouble of their own and committed two errors while trying to close this one out.

In the final game Sunday afternoon, the Fort Saskatchewan Red Sox didn't give the Sox much of a fight, the Sox winning this

one 23 to 6 in five innings. Brett Mitchelmore on the hill for the Sox in this one with eight K's, Dustin Berg going four for four at the plate, with two RBIs, Matthew Church with three singles and a sacrifice bunt, brother Lucas with three singles, Jordan Nault with two singles, Kyle Corbeil with a RBI single. Next weekend the Sox will travel to Sherwood Park, for another three game weekend.

With just barely one practice under their belts, the Mosquitoes boys, coached by Darcy Pankiw, looked pretty darn good when they played St. Paul here at home on Thursday night. Alex Hunter with an in-the-park home run and some fine pitching, Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludluge and Tyson Gadwa both with a base hits and both pitching an inning each, Graham Stuparyk, Dustin Pankiw and Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras all taking a turn on the mound, Garret McGillivray and Kaiden Evens Anderson behind the mask sharing the catching duties and doing a super job of blocking the wild ones.

The Pee wee girls coached by Laverne Wilson also played at home against Bonnyville this past week, Teana Kolachuk (not sure about the spelling) making a double play, Destiny with strong game on third base, some very good pitching and catching in this game.

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week: "How can you think and hit at the same time?" Last week's answer to: "They give you a round bat and they throw you a round ball. And then they tell you to hit it square." -Willie Stargell. Do you have a sports scoop? Please email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



Vicki Brooker photo

Washout prevention underway

A recent town council decision to upgrade the ditch on the west side of 54 Street was put into practice last week, as crews filled in washouts, sloped banks and filled the bottom of the ditch with rocks to prevent future erosion from occurring, due to heavy rains or snowmelt.

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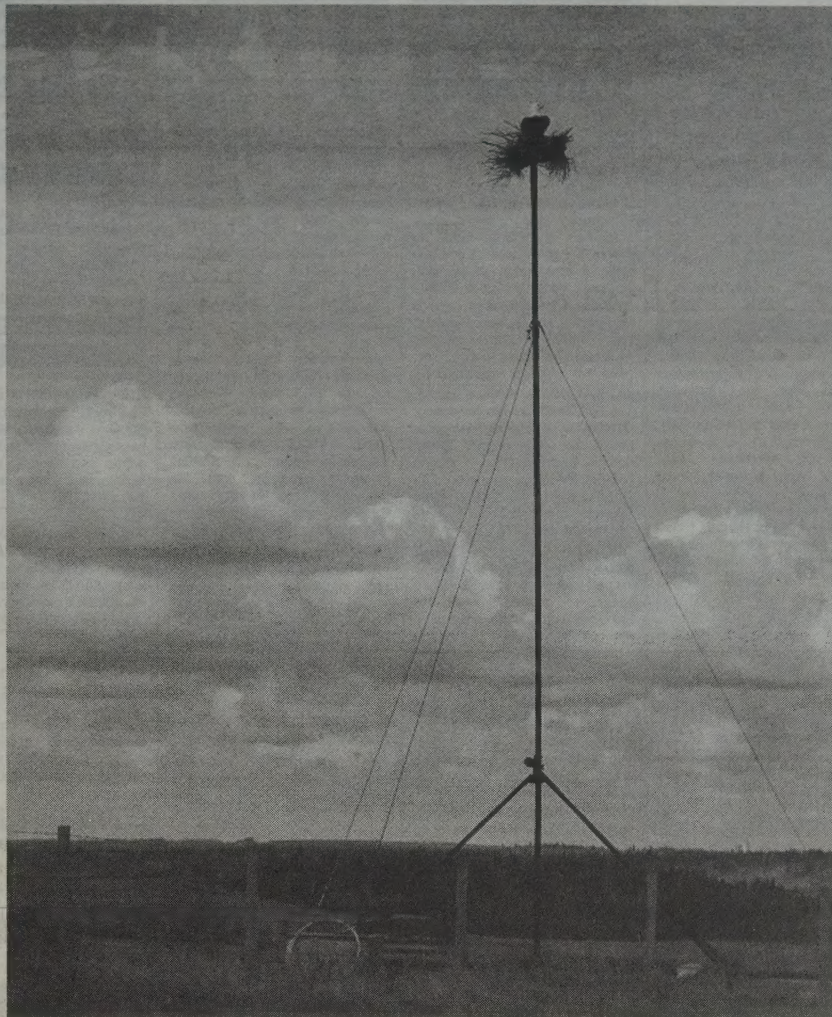
The eagle has landed!

This eagle is perched on the top of the east side of the Lindbergh hill. It is the talk of the Lindbergh - Heinsburg district. Many passers-by have stopped to admire and photograph the bird, only to find the magnificent bird is plastic. It is a great joke!

Bev Smith photo

Library reminder

Just a reminder to the Elk Point seniors that the Elk Point Municipal Library's monthly Seniors Tea will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11. Join the library staff and volunteers for tea, goodies and as always, great conversation. We hope to see you there!



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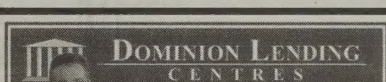
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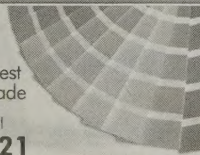
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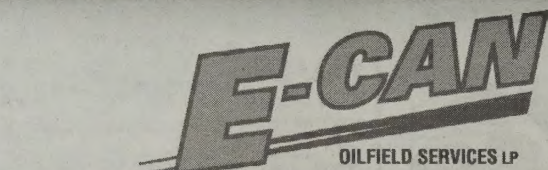
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Co-op plans Elk Point cardlock expansion

Only a question of when on the new Elk Point store: GM

By TIM BANMAN
Review Contributor

The St. Paul & District Co-operative Association held its annual general meeting May 5 at the Co-op Mall cafeteria, where the board and members discussed plans for expanding operations in Elk Point and the growth of membership.

General Manager Bob Scott credited the Co-op's patronage refunds for its continuing success. He said refund time brings new members every year.

The Elk Point cardlock sells eight million litres a year, more than the 3.5 million expected when built a few years ago.

Food sales continue to grow in both St. Paul and Elk Point, he said. The board is looking at a new store for Elk Point and to expand the deli and bakery, he said. Baked items are currently shipped from St. Paul to Elk Point.

The board is conducting a feasibility study and could not give any timeline for the project, said Scott.

"This will be the largest and most expensive project that this Co-op has undertaken in the past 30 years since this mall was built, so we want to make sure that when we do build the store that we are financially able to do so and make sure that it doesn't limit us from making future patronage refunds to you the members."

The board started to consider a new store around five years ago, but put it on the back burner due to the cost of moving a powerline and limited parking, he said. A few years ago the board started to consider building a new store on the parking lot and then tearing down the old store for parking, but the board felt the amount of space was too tight.

The feasibility study will estimate the costs of water and sewer hookups for a new location.

"It's not a question if it will go in, it's a question of when."

One member said picking a good location is very important because the store could serve the region.

In 2011, Co-op's sales are up 21 per cent over 2010, said Scott, adding that inflation played a part with petroleum, but that litres are also up 15 per cent, which is a more accurate reflection of sales, he said.

"It's important that we continue the patronage allocations and cash refunds," said Scott.

Petroleum sales were 40 million a year, but could be more than 50 million for 2011, he said. The increased volume of sales led to the eight lane cardlock in St. Paul, with the help of a 50 per cent forgivable grant and the other half covered by an interest-free loan from FCL, he said. FCL also invested in the 1.7 million litres of fuel the new bulk plant holds.

"It was a very good program that they had and we took advantage of it," said Scott.

Over the last year, the Co-op received significant new membership, which confirms that the Co-op is moving forward, said board president Cliff Martin. The Co-op in St. Paul also completed its new bulk plant and cardlock in 2010, and the building for storing lumber, which will "substantially reduce the amount of waste created by having it left unprotected," he said.

Elk Point will hopefully see expanded fuel storage and pumps in the upcoming year, he said. "This project has been approved and it will be done as soon as possible."

The Co-op plans to install a security gate at the lumber storage yard which will help serve customers, Scott said. The board also plans to allocate more space to the home centre this year.

More Co-op members, bigger patronage refunds

By TIM BANMAN
Review Contributor

The St. Paul and District Co-operative Association Ltd. received its audited financial statement at the annual general meeting on Thursday night at the cafeteria in the Co-op Mall.

Brad Belton presented the audit, which Federated Co-operators Ltd. (FCL) Retail Audit Department completed in April. "It was a pretty fantastic year for us again," said Belton.

Sales increased 11.9 per cent to almost \$69 million in 2010 from \$61.5 million in 2009. The cost of

good also increase to 86.1 per cent of sales, up one per cent from 2009. While the gross margin increase to \$9.5 million, the per cent dropped by one per cent.

Operating and administration expenses were also up to \$9.5 million from \$8.9 million in 2009.

Patronage refunds came to \$3.5 million in 2010, accounting for 5.1 per cent of sales, up around \$100,000 but 0.5 per cent less than in 2009. Savings before income taxes and patronage refund amount to around \$3.7 million. The Co-op retained almost \$550,000 for savings, \$150,000 for income tax, and

\$3 million for members refunds.

Belton highlighted petroleum sales at 40 million litres in 2010, more than the 36.1 million in 2009.

Investment with Federated Co-operative increased by over \$600,000. Long-term liabilities increased with the St. Paul cardlock. The St. Paul Co-op's share is \$1.5 million, on an interest free loan from FCL.

The Co-op gained 564 new members in 2010, over the 529 who joined in 2009. Equity payments were over \$2 million.

Co-op redeemed \$2.89 million in FCL shares last year.

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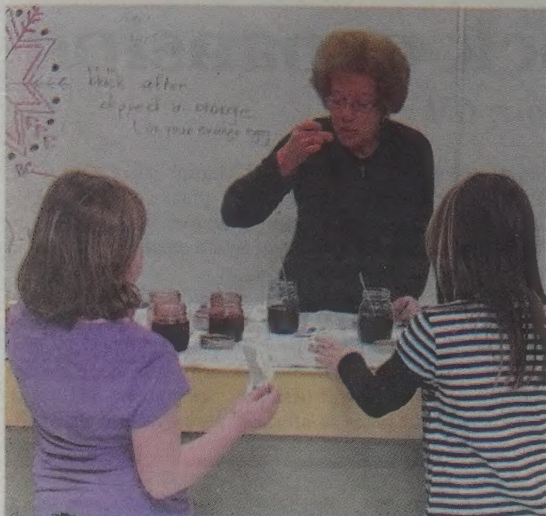
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Mona Bristow photos

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Elk Point 4-H Craft Project members Alexis, Ashley and Nicole Bristow, Mackenzie and Morgan Evans, Brianna White, Madison MacDonald, Bryce Osinchuk, Tammy Roberts and Cleaver Kid Dallas Bristow created Ukrainian Easter Eggs a few weeks ago under the guidance of Bernice Capjack.

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LICA AGM marks 10 years

By MELISSA BARR
 Review Contributor

The Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) celebrated the end of its 10th year on May 4 at its annual general meeting at the Bonnyville Seniors' Drop-In Centre.

The environment synergy group invited Dr. Eddy Isaacs, CEO of Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions, to the meeting as a guest speaker. In his presentation, Positioning Alberta for the Future in Energy and Environment, he discussed the future of energy development in the province.

Alberta Innovates is a group dedicated to integrating natural resource development and technology, collaborating with large companies to assess technologies to increase the environmental sustainability of Alberta's energy sector.

Three community members were elected to the board of directors – Robert Deresh, Iris English, and Delano Tolley, with Ajaz Quraishi and Mary Smith acting as alternates.

After the meeting, Charmaine Code, LICA's executive manager, said, "We received very good feedback on (the meeting). We had an excellent speaker, I think the meeting was really good—well attended, and everything went well."

Approximately 80 people attended the meeting, which also included annual reports by the LICA committees, including education and information, governance, resolution, the Airshed Zone, and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance.